



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
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4th Floor Conference Room A

Beverly Hills City Council Liaison/Recreation and Parks Commission Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, December 2, 2019 4:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: December 2, 2019 / 4:10 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Vice Mayor Lester Friedman, Councilmember Julian A. Gold, M.D. City Manager George Chavez, Assistant City Manager Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Director of Public Works Shana Epstein; Interim Director of Community Services Ray Taylor; Assistant Director of Community Services Pam Shinault; Director of Finance Jeffrey Muir; City Architect Mandana Motahari; Recreation Services Manager Patty Acuna, Senior Management Analyst Stephanie Harris, Publicist Dana Beesen; Recreation and Parks Commission Chair Alissa Roston, Recreation and Parks Commission Vice Chair Julian Javor, Recreation and Parks Commissioner Sue Mishler; Steve Johnson & Jim Favaro from Johnson Favaro; Executive Assistant Linda Kyriazi
Public Attendance: Ed Brown, Linda Brown, Steven Weinglass, Wallace Collins

1) PUBLIC COMMENT

- a) Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

Speakers: None

2) RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION ON UPGRADES TO THE SURFACE AND SHADE OF THE DOG PARK

Park patrons continue to provide feedback on the park's operations and contact staff with concerns. Vice Chair Javor informed the liaisons and staff that since he uses the Dog Park, others inform him of the issues they have with the Decomposed Granite (DG) surface and the lack of shade. Assistant City Manager, Nancy Hunt Coffey, along with Senior Management Analyst, Stephanie Harris, updated the liaisons that there is no perfect solution for dog park surfaces, with many needing constant maintenance.

Shade has been a challenge as the 11 trees have not matured enough to provide a canopy covering the benches. It was suggested that commercial size umbrellas could use be used until the trees mature.

The liaisons requested that staff return with additional research on surfaces and costs.

3) NEXT STEPS WITH LA CIENEGA AND RECREATIONS COMPLEX

- Possible means of funding the capital costs of the center.

Assistant City Manager, Nancy Hunt-Coffey reviewed with the liaisons that at the October 22, 2019 City Council Meeting, the Council Members were in support of the 2 phases of construction. How does the City pay and how do we phase the project? Director of Finance, Jeffrey Muir, updated the liaisons on the options available for funding which includes pay-as-you-go financing, bond financing, and potential tax considerations.

Staff is to return with more details on the options provided.

- Architectural firm for pre-design.

City Council expressed some desire to engage the services of a different architectural firm as the City proceeds into this phase. City Architect, Mandana Motahari, suggested going back out to bid for the concept design phase as this process allows the City Council to select a firm with a design concept that best serves the community.

- Consider the possibility of hiring a consulting firm to verify potential operating costs for the new center.

The City Council expressed a desire to have a good sense for the cost to operate the proposed center as currently proposed. Though staff has developed some preliminary estimates of what the operating costs and revenues might be, staff would like to work with a consultant to verify these costs prior to presenting them to City Council. Councilmember Gold suggested looking at outsourcing some of the amenities requesting labor aspects.

Staff to return with further research.

4) AJOURNMENT

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